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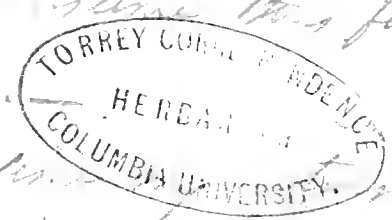
Estimate Sir! ... October 8. 1816.



I should scarce have presumed at this season, to have
asked so much known to yourself and advantage & the rising generation
in your Professorship in the University, did I not know, that you have
so arranged that time, as to be at liberty to devote a share of it to friends.

The very marked, and polite attention which you honored
me with last Fall, as also that, which through your politeness I experienced
from the rest of the Professors in the University, claims my warmest gra-
-titude; and as it is a maxim that "one good turn deserves another" I
am induced, having had already several good turns of you, to request you
to make good the good old maxim, in doing me another good turn. —
It is this, to interest yourself in behalf of my Elements of Medicine
so that it may be announced to the world, in such way as your good
judgment will direct; I am well aware that at this time, no work of
the kind, from an author so much "unnoticed and unknown" to the
world as myself, would meet with appropriate encouragement; unless
it was brought into notice by some Gentlemen of the first standing in
the Medical and Literary Schools of America.

I have been constrained to make such remarks
as a friend of mine a candidate for Medical honors in the University
of Pennsylvania; who had presented my prospectus to the Professors and
Students; was repelled; by the very appropriate remarks above alluded to,
and has written me, that unless some Gentlemen well known in the Lite-
-rary world, will befriend the author so far, as to introduce him to the No-
-tion of the Philadelphians, that he despairs of obtaining more sub-
scribers than those Students from Charleston. Since the ever to be lamented
fate of my esteemed friend and preceptor Doctor Kenigay; I have turned
my attention to yourself and Doctor Horack. Permit me to look up to you
as a friend and Patron, in his stead, and if I could, I would thus far, I would
obtain the same indulgence from Doctor Horack.



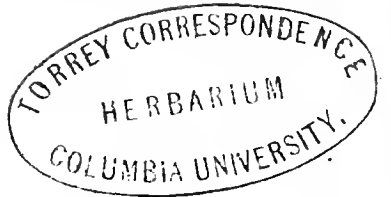
I have been six months in your
your City in a poor state of health, and three times so ill as to dis-
-turb my recovery - So that I have had scarce the opportunity of attending
to my Subscription; I have however procured about 230 or 50 very good
names - and I am assured that if notice be taken of the work in any of
the periodical publications, or the Public mind is sufficiently
stimulated, the Citizens of the North to come to view generally to dis-
-support

The Literary and Philanthropic Society of I. C. is
progressing in numbers; and has the opportunity of some collection
of Mr. L. Kern's collection of Madagascar, which he has been twenty years
collecting; and the Society purchased this Museum. it will drain
them of all their funds; and hence the Transactions of the Society will
have to remain still unpublished for some months to come.

Mr. Elliott's first number of the Sketch of the Bota-
ny of I. C. and Gen. is, published. it will rank among the first
works on Botany in America.

My friend Mr. Grantland, who is a student in
the University, will hand you this, and permit me to offer to yourself
and through you to Professor Horace Stanley, McNeill & Mother
the assurances of my personal respect and esteem, and with the most
polite sentiments of respect for Mrs. Mitchell & yourself, believe me

Dear and Esteemed Sir
Yours sincerely



L. M. Shear